Docket No.: 061352-0046 **PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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METHOD OF OPERATING FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND For:

FUEL SYSTEM

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 30, 2009, a one-month extension of time up to and including May 30, 2009 is being filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejection for the reasons set forth below.